



STUDENT SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Illini Union – Pine Lounge
7:00PM

1. Quorum Call
2. Welcome
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Input
6. Senator Comment
7. Executive Orders
8. Items for Information
 - a. Resolutions
 - b. Appropriations
 1. Illinois Day Busses 03-10-2010-01
9. Items for Action
 - a. Resolutions
 1. Attendance Policy 02-03-2010-02
 2. Unity 03-03-2010-02
 3. Assembly and Speech 02-24-2010-01
 4. Medical Amnesty 03-03-2010-01
 - b. Appropriations
 1. Habitat for Humanity 03-03-2010-01
10. Officer Announcements
11. Adjournment



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Minutes of the Illinois Student Senate

A meeting of the Illinois Student Senate was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM Central Time at the Illini Union.

Executive Officers Present:

Bradley Tran, David Wall, Carey Hawkins Ash, Jeffrey Schroeder

Staff Present:

Ryan Sullivan, Daniel O'Connor, Kara Beach, Mike Boshardy, Jackson Garvey

Call to Order

President Tran called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM Central Time and took attendance. Tanner Israel and Jackson Garvey recorded the minutes.

Quorum Call

Quorum was clicked in for and set at 26.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended and approved.

Approval of Minutes

The Senate voted to change wording from "relieved" to "excused" in line 10 of page 3 of the minutes 10 votes to 8. The minutes were amended and approved.

Public Input

President Tran moved to limit the amount of time the public has to address the Senate. The issue was voted on using the iClickers and was passed 20 to 6.

Kathryn Menichetti addressed the Senate regarding the Habitat for Humanity and took questions about the prudence of giving student money to a not-for-profit.

Daniel Soso spoke about the state of drinking tickets in Champaign-Urbana. He took questions on alternative options and the consequences of pursuing a community service-related punishment. Daniel Soso spoke about the Black Sheep newspaper, and how it is being prevented from getting distributed within University buildings.

Senator Lynch asked that the relevance of topics of public comment be taken into account while making a speaker's list, as per the bylaws.

Jerry Vachaparambil from the AACC came to talk about **Assembly and Speech Resolution 02-24-2010-01**. He advocated for the prevention of State resources to limit speech. He took questions on the legitimacy of the attempt to resist the renting of the Assembly Hall.

Roberto Martell from Students for Chief Illiniwek spoke in support of **Assembly and Speech Resolution 02-24-2010-01**. He took questions on the event's history and pointed out that it was peaceful the year before.

Kaytlin Reedy came to speak against **Assembly and Speech Resolution 02-24-2010-01**. A motion was made to reconsider the capping of debate, given that the bylaws were breached. It was voted on by i-clicker and passed 17-9-2. The resulting vote to remove the time limit was taken by i-clicker 7-18-4, removing the time limit on public comment. Questions for Ms. Reedy then continued, including questions on the issue of the Chief from Chairman Drea and Senators Haselschwerdt and Neff.

Teresa Ramos came to speak against **Assembly and Speech Resolution 02-24-2010-01**, giving examples of similar events that have happened at other schools across the country. She addressed questions from the body about wording within the resolution.

Tom Garza spoke against the **Assembly and Speech Resolution 02-24-2010-01**, giving examples of issues raised by mascots in the past.

Senator Olsen moved that the meeting be extended to 10:00, which was approved by i-clicker with a vote of 15-12-0.

Senator Comment



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1 Senator Rosa updated the body on a long string of Women's Rights events in the near future.

2 Senator Goldenberg spoke about the possibility of closing Willard Airport.

3 President Tran asked for input pertaining to his upcoming meetings with the Chancellor and
4 other campus figures.

5 Senator Al-Rawi gave information about the YMCA Alternative Spring Break Trip.

6 Senator Melanie Cornell gauged interest in a Senate Relay for Life Team.

7 **Executive Orders**

8 There were no Executive Orders.

9 **Items for Information**

10 Senator Sohn introduced **Medical Amnesty Resolution 24-02-2010-02** and took questions, and it
11 was referred to the Committees on Student Rights, Student Life, and Governmental Affairs.

12 Vice President Carey Hawkins-Ash introduced **Unity Resolution 03-03-2010-01**, which would
13 encourage the Administration to find a new mascot for the University. It was referred to the
14 Committees on Senate Procedure, Student Life and Academic Affairs.

15 **Items for Action**

16 Senator Klees introduced **Assembly and Speech 02-24-2010-03**. She gave a short speech
17 outlining the motivation behind the resolution. Senator Al-Rawi made a motion to change the
18 order of the resolutions up for action. The vote failed by a count of 7-18-0. Committee reports
19 were given, with conflicting ideals. An amendment was opposed that would remove two lines
20 from the document, passing by a vote of 21-1-1. Senator Rosa spoke out against the resolution
21 and moved to strike the second to last whereas clause. An attempt to call to question was made,
22 and voted on by i-clicker, resulting in the question not being called with a vote of 9-11-2.
23 Chairman Drea proposed a secondary amendment that would strike part of the previous
24 amendment, which was seconded. The secondary amendment was called to question and voted
25 on by i-clicker, being rejected 10-15-1. Vice President Carey Hawkins Ash called for dividing of
26 the question, creating separate votes for two parts of the amendment. The first section of the
27 amendment was voted on, passing 14-9-2. The second section of the amendment was called to
28 question by a margin of 18-6-1. The amendment was passed by a vote of 18-6-1. The meeting
29 was extended an additional half hour by a vote of 15-9-0. A motion was made to table the
30 resolution for a week, which was amended to become a sending to student rights, called to
31 question and passed in an i-clicker vote of 15-9-2.

32 Senator Barghi introduced **Attendance Resolution 02-03-2010-01**, and Senator Goldenberg
33 moved to table the resolution. This motion passed by a vote of 15-5-1.

34 Vice President Ash introduced **Committee Chair Replacement Resolution 02-24-2010-02**
35 which was called to question, the resolution passed by a vote of 16-1-1.

36 Senator Goldenberg introduced **Student Elections Resolution 02-2010-03**, which was tabled by
37 a vote of 14-4-1.

38 A call for quorum failed, and the meeting continued.

39 Senator Melanie Cornell introduced **AP 02-24-2010-01**, which passed by a vote of 21-1-0.

40 Senator Melanie Cornell introduced **AP 02-24-2010-02** which was voted on and passed 21-0-1.

41 **AP 02-24-2010-03** was tabled by a voice vote.

42 **Adjournment**

43 There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 PM
44 Central Time.

45 Respectfully Submitted,

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47 Jackson Garvey, Illinois Student Senate Clerk
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Governmental Affairs Bus Request Form (03-10-2010-01)

Date up for Information: March 3, 2010

Date before Committee:

Submitted By (whom): Governmental Affairs Committee

Description	Cost/Item	Qty	Total Cost
Bus	520.30	2	1040.60

TOTAL
Requested: \$1040.60

Detailed Description

The Governmental Affairs Committee requests these funds for the purpose of providing transportation for students from the Urbana-Champaign campus to Springfield, IL on Wednesday April 21, 2010 for the annual Illinois Day event. Illinois Connection also plans to fully fund a bus. It is unlikely that we will require all three aforementioned busses, but ensuring we have the funding in place should that capacity be reached is important.



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ILLINOIS STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution (02-03-2010-01)

Amendment to the Illinois Student Senate Attendance Policy

AUTHORS: Barghi, Al Rawi
SUPPORTER(S):

1 *Whereas*, being a Student Senator, defined as a representative of the Student Body, is a tremendous responsibility
2 and honor, and
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4 *Whereas*, a Student Senator has multiple commitments, as seen in our Bylaws, including: General Meetings of
5 the Illinois Student Senate, Meetings of Committees of the Illinois Student Senate, Meetings of the Senate at the
6 Urbana-Champaign Campus, Meetings of Committees of the Senate at the Urbana-Champaign Campus, and
7 Office Hours (hereinafter the "Commitments"), and
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9 *Whereas*, per Section 12.07 in the Illinois Student Senate Bylaws, a Student Senator by oath is expected to hold
10 oneself to "the high standards of ethics and leadership which the student body expects of individuals representing
11 [their] collective interests," and
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13 *Whereas*, the first step to ensuring proper, efficient, and legitimate representation is being fulfilling the
14 Commitments, and
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16 *Whereas*, frequent failure to meet the Commitments by some members of the body cause the Illinois Student
17 Senate to suffer from poor attendance and frequent loss of quorum, and
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19 *Whereas*, stricter attendance policies must be administered and enforced to insure the legitimacy and efficiency
20 of this body be retained and maintained, therefore,
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22 *Let it be resolved*, that the following amendments be implemented and enforced in the Illinois Student Senate
23 Bylaws immediately:
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25 **Section 5.03 The Vice President Internal**

- 26 2. maintain attendance records for all members;
27 5. shall provide a copy of the Bylaws to each Student Senator upon taking the oath.
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29 **Section 7.04 Committee Membership**

30 C. A committee member may only be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Illinois Student Senate; ~~however a~~
31 ~~committee member may be presumed resigned, per Article IX.~~ Committee chairs may offer recommendations
32 for dismissal to the Illinois Student Senate as an Item for Action, with a vote subsequently taken by the Illinois
33 Student Senate.
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35 **Section 7.05 Committee Chairs**

36 B. A committee chair may only be removed by a resolution brought by a member of the Illinois Student Senate,
37 receiving a two-thirds vote. A Committee Chair removed in this way shall remain a member of the committee,
38 unless otherwise specified in the removal resolution.
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40 C.-Each Committee Chair shall be responsible for preparing agendas, notifying members of the committee of the
41 attendance policy, keeping attendance records and minutes, providing regular reports at General Meetings of the
42 Illinois Student Senate, and working with the Vice President Internal and other Committee Chairs to further the
43 interests of the student body.
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45 **Section 9.03 Absences**

46 A. A Commitment shall be defined as:

- 47 1. General Meetings of the Illinois Student Senate, or
48 2. Meetings of Committees of the Illinois Student Senate, or



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3. Meetings of the Senate at the Urbana-Champaign Campus, or
4. Meetings of Committees of the Senate at the Urbana-Champaign Campus, or
5. Office Hours

A. ~~B.~~ Failure to attend a mandatory Commitment, as defined in Section 9.03, except Office Hours ~~meeting~~ ~~(except a mandatory meeting of a committee of the Illinois Student Senate)~~ shall be considered an unexcused absence unless the member provides one of the following written excuses to the Chief of Staff no later than (except in extraordinary circumstances) ~~thirty minutes~~ two hours prior to the Commitment, as defined in Section 9.03 ~~meeting~~:

1. a Commitment, as defined in Section 9.03, except Office Hours ~~meeting of a committee of the Senate at the Urbana-Champaign Campus~~;
2. an academic obligation (e.g. class, exam, field trip);
3. a personal illness;
4. a familial obligation;
5. a non-recurring employment-related obligation; or
6. travel outside of Champaign County required for coursework, research, or interviewing.

~~B. Failure to fulfill the required number of office hours in a given week shall be considered an unexcused absence. The Vice President Internal shall have final authority to determine whether a member has failed to fulfill the Office Hours requirement in a given week.~~

C. The Chief of Staff shall provide a written report on all attendance issues at each General Meeting.

Section 9.04 Delinquency

A. A member shall be delinquent if he or she accumulates two or more unexcused absences in any two-week period. The Chief of Staff shall make initial determinations on delinquency for the purpose of calculating quorum under Article II. Any determination of delinquency made by the Chief of Staff may be reversed by a majority vote.

Section 9.054 Presumed Resignation

A. A Student Senator shall be considered to have submitted a resignation by proxy to the Vice President Internal if:

1. The Student Senator has been absent without being excused for a total of five or more Commitments per semester, as defined in Section 9.03, and either:
 - a. been absent (either excused or unexcused) from four consecutive General Meetings;
 - b. been absent from office hours for four or more consecutive weeks; or
 - c. accumulated ten or more unexcused absences in a single semester
2. The Student Senator has not notified the Vice President Internal in writing of a valid reason for the prolonged absences, or
3. The Vice President Internal may initiate a resignation by proxy by notifying the member in writing and announcing the presumed resignation to the Student Senate at the next General Meeting.

B. The Student Senate body must accept the resignation, by majority vote, in order for it to take effect.

~~C. The Vice President Internal may initiate a resignation by proxy by notifying the member in writing and announcing the presumed resignation to the Student Senate at the next General Meeting.~~

~~D. The body must accept the resignation by majority vote in order for it to take effect.~~



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ILLINOIS STUDENT SENATE Illinois Student Senate Resolution (02-24-2010-01)

Students' Constitutional Rights

Authors: Vice President-External David Wall, Senator Kara Beach, Senator Nolan Drea, Senator Cole Goldenberg, Senator Megan Haselschwerdt, Senator Tracey Klees, Senator Thomas Neff, Senator David Olsen

Supporter(s): Senator Tyler Deitz, Senator Nick Esterman, Senator Bobby McNeily, Chairman Charles Martin

Whereas, Supreme Court Justice William Brennan wrote “the vigilant protection of constitutional freedoms is nowhere more vital than in the community of American school,” that “the classroom is peculiarly the ‘marketplace of ideas,’” and “the Nation's future depends upon leaders trained through wide exposure to that robust exchange of ideas which discovers truth out of a multitude of tongues, [rather] than through any kind of authoritative selection,” and

Whereas, the US Constitution guarantees via the doctrine of incorporation that entities “shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech...or the right of the people to peaceably assemble,” and

Whereas, the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations deems its mission as “providing students educational opportunities about the various dimensions of diversity and intersections of identities,” and

Whereas, the administration has conducted itself in a shameful manner in their discreet attempts to abridge the freedoms of speech and peaceful assembly against the Registered Student Organization Students for Chief Illiniwek, and

Whereas, students seeking to demonstrate against the next dance were denied their request to march down Green St., and

Whereas, this resolution does not take a stance either for or against the re-institution of the former symbol of the University of Illinois, the Registered Student Organization involved or the event in question, and

Whereas, this resolution is neither a vote of no confidence or a call for resignation of any administrator involved, and

Whereas, despite individual's political views, we believe it unacceptable for the administration to act to infringe in any way upon fundamental freedoms and liberties, and

Whereas, these ill-advised actions are the latest in a pattern of unethical abuses of power by the University administration, and

Whereas, this regretful exhibition personifies a disconnect between students and the Offices of Student Affairs and Inclusion and Intercultural Relations constitutes a massive breach of trust derived from our consent and faith to be under their educational supervision, and

Whereas, students are charged monetary fees, a portion of which is allocated to ensure the continued operation of the Assembly Hall with the understanding of our potential use of the facility, and

Whereas, administrators have refused to publicly address this body regarding this unjustifiable exertion of their authority, thereby absolving themselves of their responsibility and accountability to the elected student leaders of this campus, and

Whereas, the Committee on the Use of Facilities, which includes student representation, exists to oversee the operations of campus property

Therefore, let it be resolved that, the Illinois Student Senate as the “Official Voice of the Student Body” at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign does fundamentally and whole-heartedly disagree with the administrators who attempted to abridge our most fundamental constitutional rights, and

Let it be further resolved that, the Illinois Student Senate calls upon the Board of Trustees to commission a panel with student participation charged to thoroughly review the Offices of Student Affairs and Inclusion and Intercultural Relations and campus police, and

Let it be further resolved that, on behalf of the student body, we hereby reinforce our declaration that administrators are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity and honor, and

Let it be further resolved that, this resolution be delivered to the Chair and members of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, the Office of the President of the University of Illinois, the Office of Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Associate Chancellor for Inclusion and Intercultural Relations, and the University Ethics Officer.



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Senate Resolution (03-03-2010-01) – Passed 12-1-1

Resolution Calling on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to Enact a Lifesaving Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Policy

AUTHORS: David Sohn, SSDP

SUPPORTER(S): Brian Larson, Sam Barghi, Leslie Warren, Melanie Cornell, Kate DeSalvo, Student Life Committee

1 *Whereas, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign may punish students caught under the influence of*
2 *drugs or alcohol after calling for help in medical emergencies; and*
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4 *Whereas, this current policy discourages students from calling for help in medical emergencies involving drugs*
5 *or alcohol, including sexual assault, in fear of being punished under the University's Zero-Tolerance Policy; and*
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7 *Whereas, Boston University, Emory University, Lake Forest College, Ohio University, American University,*
8 *Drake University, University of Pennsylvania, Southern Methodist University, and over 40 others have all*
9 *implemented medical amnesty policies for drugs and alcohol at their respective institutions; and*
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11 *Whereas, the International Journal of Drug Policy studied Cornell University between 2002, when a Good*
12 *Samaritan Policy was passed, and 2006 and found no increase in alcohol abuse rates, but a doubling of*
13 *emergency calls and emergency room visits for alcohol-related incidents; and*
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15 *Whereas, Illinois state legislation is attempting in 2010 to become the second after New Mexico with a statewide*
16 *Good Samaritan Bill; and*
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18 *Whereas, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign should advocate policies that protect students' health*
19 *and encourage them to call for help when it is needed, instead of maintaining policies that unnecessarily put*
20 *students' lives at risk, and*
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22 *Whereas, the Illinois Student Senate does not condone underage drinking or the use of illicit substances,*
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24 *Therefore, let it be resolved that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign enact a Medical Amnesty/Good*
25 *Samaritan policy that will encourage students to request for and receive medical assistance in potentially life*
26 *threatening situations, without fear of punitive retribution*
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28 *Let it be further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the President of the University of*
29 *Illinois, the Office of the Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Office of the Vice*
30 *Chancellor of Student Affairs, the Office of the Student Conflict Resolution, the Conference on Conduct*
31 *Governance, and the Student Body Presidents at the Universities of Illinois at Chicago and Springfield.*
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Senate Resolution (03-03-2010-02) – Passed 18-9-1

Unity

By Senator Carey Hawkins Ash, Vice-President Internal and Senator David Wall, Vice-President External

With the support of Senator Nolan Drea, Senator Nick Esterman, Senator Cindy Alkass, Senator Tracy Klees, Senator Gregg Thompson, and Senator Melanie Cornell, and the Committees on Student Life and Academic Affairs

Whereas, in 2006, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois retired the symbol of “Chief Illiniwek” as the official symbol of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and

Whereas, in 2008 the Student Body voted to support the reinstatement of “Chief Illiniwek” by a vote of 7,718 in favor and 2,052 against, and

Whereas, since that time, the absence of an official University emblem has created an undeniable rift amongst the students on this campus, seemingly dividing us into three distinct groups: “pro-chief”, “anti-chief”, and ambivalent, and

Whereas, this resolution does not take a stance neither for, nor against the “Chief”, but instead acknowledges the underlying tension created by the absence of an official university emblem. and

Whereas, such a disharmonious environment disserves and disrupts the learning process of every student enrolled by creating an antagonistic atmosphere that is not at all conducive to scholarly growth, and

Whereas, these unfortunate economic times have presented *our University* with record budget deficits and faculty and staff furloughs, and with a potential increase in tuition on the horizon, this body finds truth in the fundamental fact that “a house divided against itself cannot stand”,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Illinois Student Senate, the official voice of the Student Body of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, does hereby call upon the Interim Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to assemble an inclusive and diverse committee of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members with proven commitment and undeniable loyalty to our University to deliver us from the symbolic strife that has plagued our campus these past four years, and

Be it further resolved that this taskforce be charged with the responsibility of proposing a campus mascot, and

Be it finally resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Student Trustee of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Interim President and Chair and Members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, the Interim Chancellor/Provost and Chair and Members of the Academic Senate Executive Committee of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as well as this campus’ director of the Native American House and President of the Registered Student Organization, “Students for Chief Illiniwek”, in addition to the Student Governments of our sister campuses at Chicago and Springfield.



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Habitat for Humanity Appropriation (03-03-2010-01) – Passed 21-4-1

Date up for Information: February 17, 2010

Date before Committee: February 24, 2010

Submitted By (whom): Melanie Cornell, Chair of Outreach

Description	Cost/Item	Qty	Total Cost
Habitat for Humanity charitable donation	\$500		\$500.00

TOTAL
Requested: \$500.00

Detailed Description

Outreach Committee requests these funds for the purpose of making a philanthropic donation to the University of Illinois campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity. This organization is made up of University of Illinois students who work with a family in need from the Champaign-Urbana community to build a home for themselves. We believe that the Illinois Student Senate should work harder to promote the betterment of the surrounding community. The resolution proposed earlier speaks more in depth about the issues and concerns of Habitat for Humanity.

Once completed, please submit this to Jeffrey Schroeder at jschroe6@illinois.edu and the chief of staff by Sunday at 1900, prior to the General Meeting at which this item will come up for information.